Career Fair Reflection

April 14, 2025



Career and College Readiness Board Goal

Board Goal:

The district will implement a robust post graduation planning process engaging all high school students and parents by the end of 2024-2025 and expanded to engage middle and elementary school students and parents in 2025-2026.



Career Fair Goals and Purpose

Dexter High School hosted a dynamic career fair on Monday, March 10, 2025. We invited a diverse array of professionals from various career fields to come speak to our students.

Three Main Objectives:

- *Exposure to Various Careers*
- *Highlight the Dexter Learner Profile*
- *Networking Opportunities*



Overview of the Event

Date: March 10, 2025

Student Attendees: Approximately 1,000 students attended, spanning grades 9-12th

Career Fair Speakers: 117 different presenters at the fair (130 different speakers initially registered)

Career Clusters Represented: 16 out of 16

Session Structure: Students participated in three 30 minute presentations.

Highlights: *Airforce Pilot, Homeland Security Special Agent in Charge, Director of Environmental Health at UofM, Forensic Scientist, Physical Therapist, Construction Project Manager, Asst. US Attorney, and many more.*



12th Grade Student Feedback



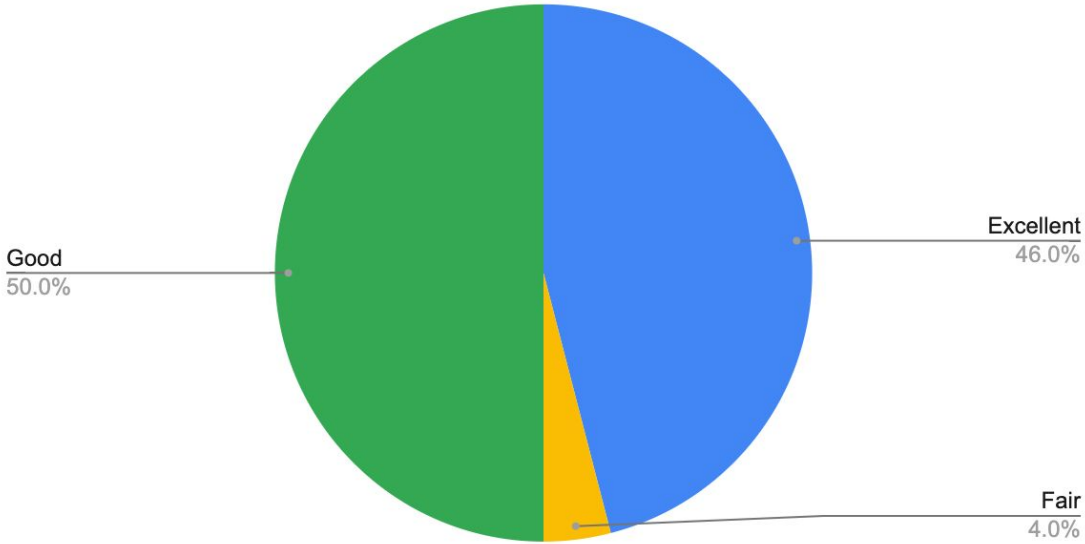
“ I am mostly interested in civilian aviation (rather than military), so having airline captains speak made me really happy.” - DHS senior

“It provided me with a huge amount of relief. I picked careers I’m seriously looking into for my future, and each presenter did an excellent job explaining the career and what they do, and it made me love the career fields even more.”

- DHS senior

12th Grade Student Feedback

Count of Overall, how would you rate the quality of the presentations?



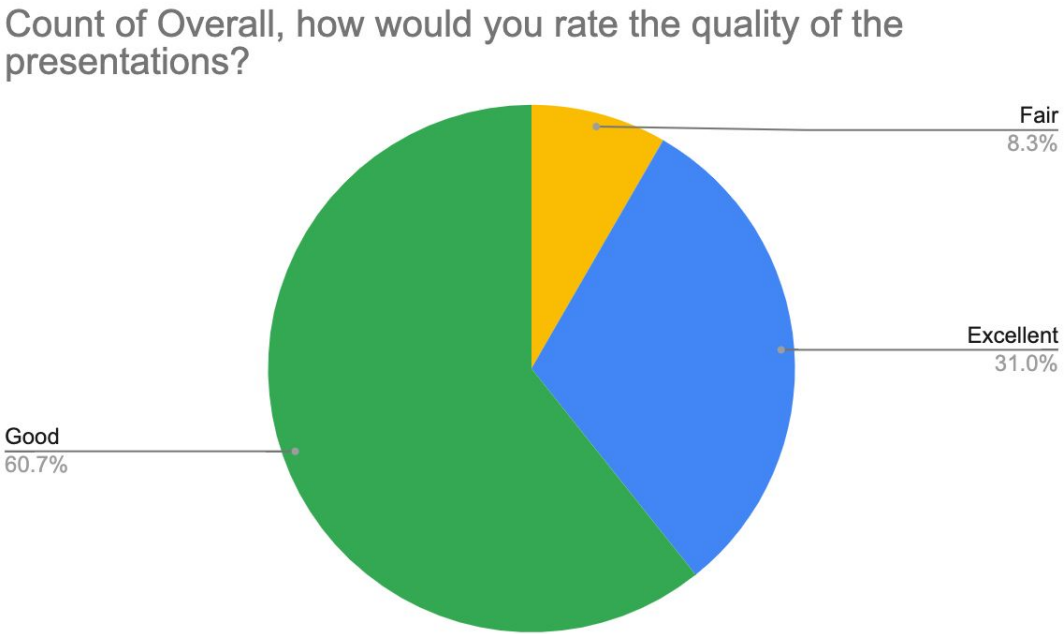
11th Grade Student Feedback



“Different jobs in the medical field require less schooling than I thought.” - DHS junior

“Some of the things said in the journalism presentation seemed really applicable, and the marketing/sales presentation gave some insightful perspective.” - DHS junior

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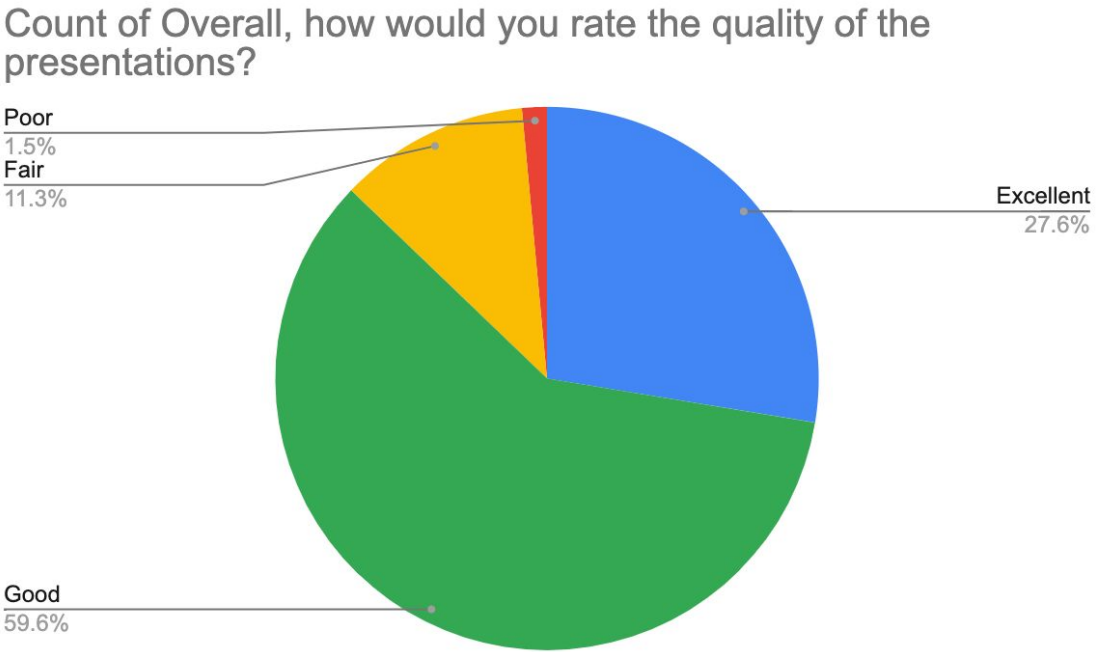
10th Grade Student Feedback

“It opened my mind to careers I didn’t think I was interested in.” - DHS sophomore

“It’s okay to not have everything figured out right away. Sometimes it takes awhile to find something that really resonates with you.” - DHS sophomore



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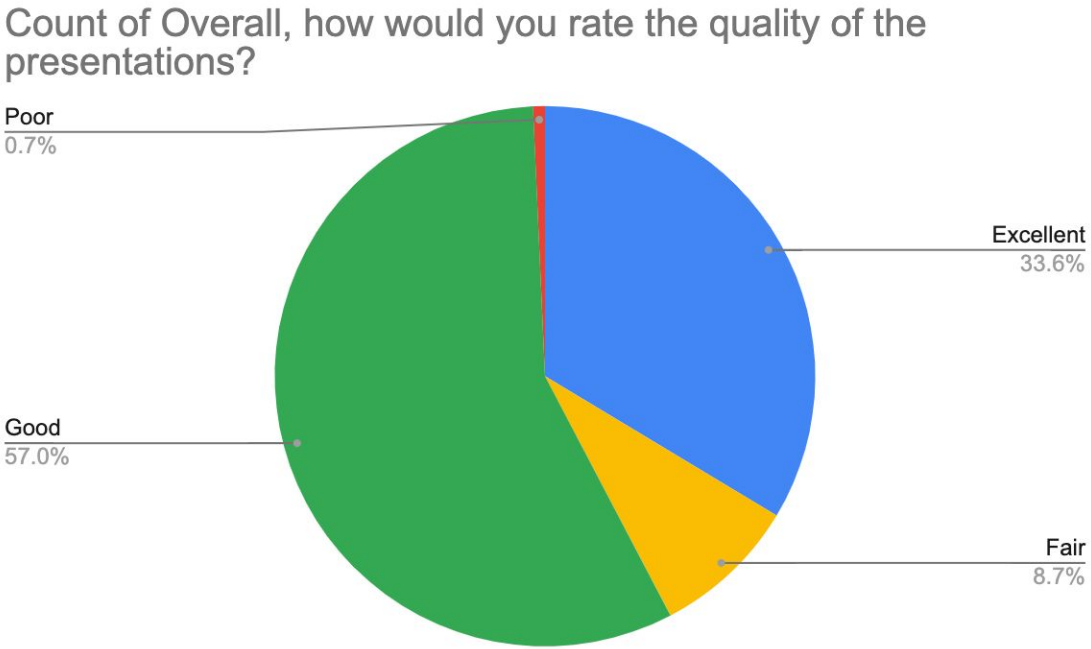
Freshman Quotes



“I realized that early childhood education is something I might want to pursue.” - DHS freshman

“Learning about cybersecurity was fun. I would love to learn more about it” - DHS freshman

9th Grade Student Feedback

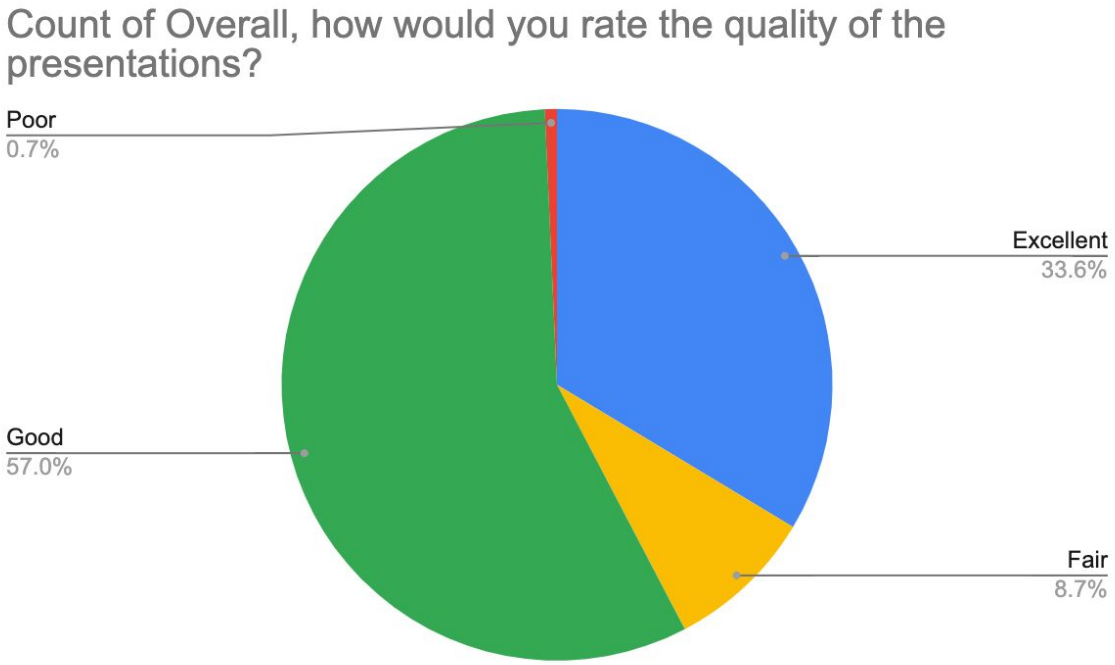


Overall Student Quotes

“My favorite was the film presentation. I have been trying so hard to get into this industry, but haven’t found any helpful information until now. Thank you!!” - DHS freshman

“The design and pre-construction presenter really opened up my eyes as a project coordinator.” - DHS junior

Overall Student Feedback



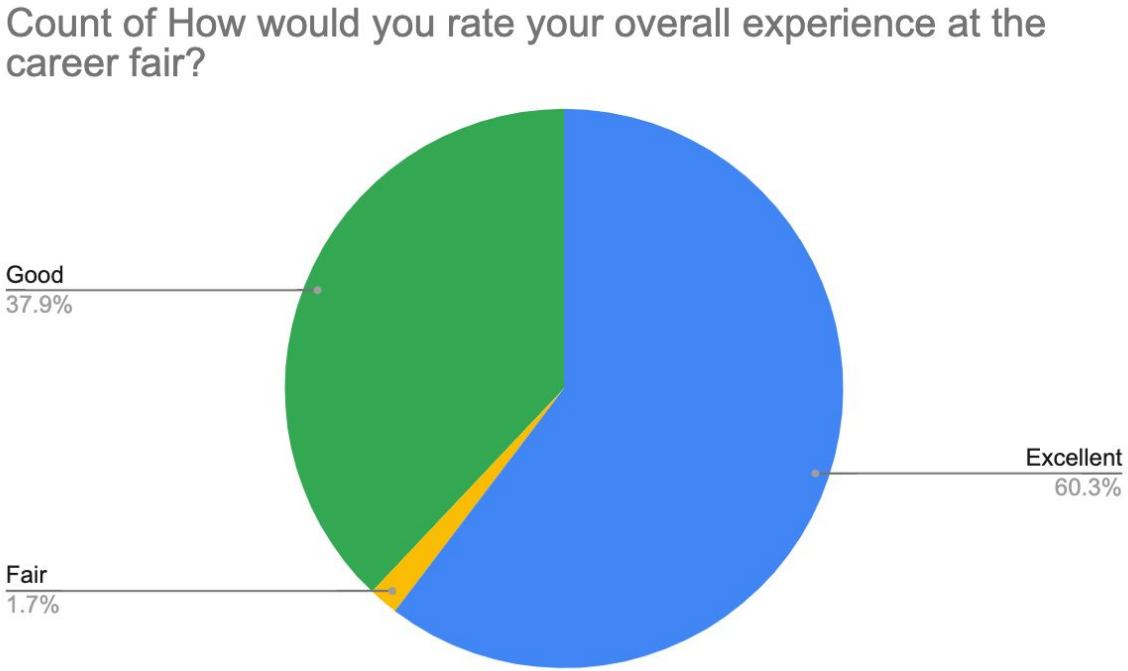
Speaker Feedback



“I thought it was executed perfectly. I felt the organization was great and the communication was clear. I really enjoyed the experience.” - Guest Speaker

“I love that you are doing this! The registration process was slowed but that was because of the amazing response of volunteer presenters. Thank you for having us!! -Guest Speaker

Speaker Feedback



Parent and Community Feedback

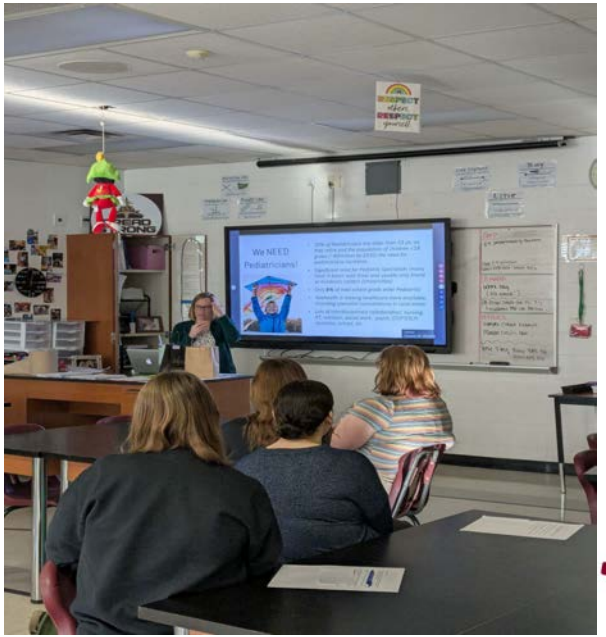
“I just wanted to send a quick note to say thank you for hosting the career fair last month. (The Making Waves just came.) I know a TON of work went into that but it was definitely worth it. Brock came home and told us all about his sessions, presenters, and the careers they had. It was definitely an impactful day!

We appreciate everything you and the DHS staff does on a daily basis, but special thanks for going above and beyond on Career Day!” - DHS parent



Outcomes

- Career Exploration
- Educational Pathways
- Networking Opportunities
- Community Engagement
- Skills Development and Learner Profile Connection



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Areas of Improvement

- Streamline the Check-in Process for speakers
- More clear directions on student sign up
- Limit the number of total speakers, utilize the available spaces
- Bring in more college/university, military service, and trades training informational sessions
- After session connection time organization
- Create panel sessions

